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Gifts of Gold: The Art of Japanese Lacquer Boxes Wall Labels

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Unknown Japanese

*Set of Writing Box and Document Box
with Poem Cards, ca. 1900*

Meiji era (1868-1912)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

Private Collection, courtesy of Erik Thomsen

Unknown Japanese

Inrō with Tale of Genji Motifs, mid-19th century

Edo period (1615-1868)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

On loan from Erik and Cornelia Thomsen

Zōhiko Studio

*Set of Miniature Boxes for Square and Rectangular
Poem Paper, ca. 1915-1930*

Taisho-early Showa eras

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

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Unknown Japanese

Box with Design of Books on a Simulated Wood-Grain Surface, ca. 1890

Meiji period (1868-1912)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

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Unknown Japanese

Writing Box with Fans and Flowering Plants, ca. 1900

Meiji era (1868-1912)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

On loan from Mr. and Mrs. Berenson

Maehata Gahō 前端 雅峯 (b. 1936)

Tea Caddy with Floating Fans, 1980s

Showa era (1926-1989)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood with shell inlays

Private Collection, courtesy of Erik Thomsen

Okada Yūji 岡田雄志 (b. 1948)

Lacquer Production Steps, 2011

Heisei era (1989-2019)

Natural lacquer on wood

Private Collection, courtesy of Erik Thomsen

Unknown Japanese

Saga Natsume Tea Caddy with Weeping Cherry Motif

Showa era (1926-1989)

Lacquer on wood

On loan from Setsuko and Michael Cooney

Ichinaka Goryō 市中五稜 (active 20th century)

Portable Tea Set with Snow, Moon, and Flowers, 1990s

Heisei era (1989-2019)

Maki-e gold lacquer on wood

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